

HOUSE BILL 4194

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55; Title 65; Title 67 and Chapter 660 of the Public Acts of 2004, relative to taxation, titling, registration, and regulation of motor vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Chapter 660 of the Public Acts of 2004 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-132(a), shall cease to be effective June 30, 2010, and on such date the fee authorized in subsection (a) shall no longer be imposed or collected.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-3-201, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) Any owner dismantling or wrecking any registered vehicle shall immediately forward to the department the certificate of title issued to such owner for the vehicle, but may retain the certificate of registration and registration plates for the purpose of transferring the same to any other motor vehicle as provided in § 55-4-101.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-115(a)(2), is amended by deleting the first sentence and by substituting instead the following:

A temporary operation permit shall not be renewed or another permit issued to cover the operation of the same motor vehicle except upon the authorization of the commissioner or the commissioner's designee.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-213(b)(1)(C), is amended by deleting the language "of no fewer than ten (10)".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-222(d), is amended by deleting the last sentence in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

The county clerk shall issue no plates to a local rescue squad member until receiving a list of all eligible members from the captain of the local rescue squad.

Emergency medical technicians or paramedics not affiliated with a local rescue squad shall be required to present a current, valid paramedic or emergency medical technician's license prior to issuance of a plate under this section.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-21-103(a), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection to the contrary, an owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of the State of Tennessee and is the parent or legal guardian of an individual who is permanently disabled, whose permanent disability is certified by the physician's statement, and who does not own or is incapable of operating a motor vehicle, shall receive a disabled plate upon payment of any applicable fees. The certificate of title and registration shall remain in the name of the parent or legal guardian. In order to receive a disabled plate under this subdivision, the parent or legal guardian shall verify under penalty of perjury upon a form prescribed by the department that he or she is the parent or legal guardian of the permanently disabled individual.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.